

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
JULY 21, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chris Kozaites, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Chris Kozaites, President  
Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President  
Bea Antenore  
Raymond Chavarria  
Simon George  
Drew Satariano

**Absent:** Brett Waterfield (excused)

**Staff:** Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau  
Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Janet Day-Anselmo, Manager, Business Operations Bureau  
Diane Lewis, Manager, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau  
Steven Neal, Chief Ranger  
Chrissy Marshall, Manager, Community Recreation Programs  
Robin Black, Executive Secretary to the Director

**Guests:** Lionel Gotley  
Susan Mearns, Mearns Consulting Corp.  
Larry Ryan, RJM Design Group, Inc.  
Michael Amardo, Red Cross  
Martin Leyba, LB Soccer Club  
Bry Myown  
Carol McCafferty, Willmore City Resident  
Robert Lamond, Partners of Parks  
Kristen Autry, Save LBC Skyline  
Mike Fillipow, LB Poly Cross Country Coach  
Tarak A. Mohamed, property owner  
Amy Bodek, Manager of the Project Development Bureau  
Mona Maguire Deleon, LSA Associates

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 16, 2005**

**It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Vice President Saltzgaver to approve the June 16, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. SAMMY AWARD PRESENTATION – MARLA CAMERINO**

Marla Camerino said that her children fought over Sammy so he stayed at her office and learned clerical duties. Ms. Camerino presented the Sammy Award to Lachonda Lard, who has inspired Marla and her children with her leadership at the park.

**IV. EMPLOYEE-OF-THE-MONTH PRESENTATION FOR JULY**

President Kozaites stated that Vice President Saltzgaver would announce the Employee of the Month.

Vice President Saltzgaver announced Jan Shafer as Administrative Employee of the Month from the Community Enrichment Programs Bureau.

Ms. Ellen Calomiris stated that Jan is a can-do person at the Rancho Los Cerritos. Due to the short staffing, Ms. Shafer has been willing to step in and do anything that is necessary. Ms. Shafer has been the volunteer coordinator while coordinating a new special event focusing on 1940's history. Ms. Calomiris stated that Ms. Shafer has also filled in by giving tours for school children, as needed.

**V. GOLD MEDAL VIDEO**

Mr. Hester stated that the Commissioners had questions about the Department's Gold Medal video that the Department has been asked to submit by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). He said that the Gold Medal Award is given to the top park and recreation department in the nation and the Department is in the final four. Mr. Hester stated that the NRPA would make the decision in October.

Ms. Jane Grobaty played the Department's Gold Medal video that was submitted.

President Kozaites stated that the Sea Festival Update would be taken later on the agenda.

**VII. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

**#05-0701**

**PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL**

President Kozaites stated that there were none this month.

**#05-0702**

**REQUEST FROM THE LONG BEACH UNITED SOCCER CLUB FOR WAIVER OF FIELD USE AND CONCESSION PERMIT FEES FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PYRAMID CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Mr. Hester stated that the Commission has approved this tournament for the past four years. He said that in exchange for a waiver of fees, the soccer club provides support services for maintenance of some of the ballfields.

Mr. Martin Leyba, the President of Long Beach Soccer Club, introduced himself and said that they plan on making the donations as they have done every year and they would provide the requested information.

**It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Vice President Saltzgaver to approve the request by the Long Beach United Soccer Club for the waiver of concessions and field permit fees for the fields the Sports Office is able to provide with the following stipulations:**

- **That the Long Beach United Soccer Club provide to the City a complete accounting of the tournament expenses and revenues including a tournament schedule and listing of teams.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**#05-0703**

**WAIVER OF FACILITY USE PERMIT FEES FOR HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Hester stated that he discussed the waiver of fees for Human Services Association (HSA) with the Commission at the last meeting. He said that the Volunteers of America (VOA) is not going to provide meal service to seniors in Long Beach any longer and that HSA was interested in providing that service. He said that they are looking to start the service on August 1 at the five senior centers and add service at Cesar E. Chavez Park on September 1. Mr. Hester stated that meals are served to approximately 135,000 seniors and 62,000 meals are served to homebound seniors.

Commissioner Antenore asked where the meals would come from. Ms. Chrissy Marshall responded that this organization is different from VOA because they have a catering service that will bring in the food. She said that HSA has had such short notice, but they are looking for a catering service to provide the meals from Long Beach.

Commissioner Satariano asked if there were any other organizations willing to step up and undertake this. Ms. Marshall stated that this was coordinated by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and HSA was the organization that they came up with.

Commissioner Chavarria asked about the track record of Human Services Association. Ms. Marshall responded that AAA considered that when they recommended HSA. She said that HSA has a really good record and has been providing services to surrounding cities.

Ms. Marshall said that staff has met with HSA staff and they are very professional and eager to take on the City of Long Beach. She said that their willingness is outstanding and they are taking on the existing VOA site staff to maintain the consistency of service, which is important to the seniors.

Vice President Saltzgaver said that this is a contract with the County to provide meals for seniors and the City is providing the facilities. He said that the Department did this for VOA because it provides a critical service in the city for a large number of seniors and this is the Parks and Recreation Commission's single largest fee waiver.

Commissioner Antenore asked if they would be continuing to provide the Cambodian meals. Ms. Marshall responded yes, they would continue to provide those.

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to authorize a fee waiver for the period of August 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, to Human Services Association for use of park facilities for the organization's congregate meal service to seniors. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Kozaites stated that the Sea Festival Update would be taken at this time.

## **VI. SEA FESTIVAL UPDATE – CHRIS POOK**

Mr. Chris Pook stated that he would like to give a quick update on the Sea Festival to the Commission. He said that they have completed the first three weeks of Sea Festival and it has met what their expectations were. The ski race this year had more television publicity than ever before. There is a huge amount of opportunity in that area. Boat owners were very cooperative and agreed that media staff could ride on their boats to Avalon. This has potential for national sports show coverage. This was the first year of enticing the Trans Pac boats to Long Beach and it is the 100th anniversary of their first race. They run every other year. They discovered that they never had a home port to leave from to sail to Honolulu. Rainbow Harbor was transformed into a home port for this year's race and housed 50 percent of the 76 entries that participated. Mr. Pook mentioned that he couldn't say enough about the Marine Bureau and the effort they went to in order to make Trans Pac work. The Mayor's Cup is another new event this year that had six all-female teams for the first time. It was the first time that female match racing in big boats has taken place in the

Western United States and it was a great success. He said that St. Mary Medical Center was a terrific sponsor for that as was the Port of Long Beach for the home port of Trans Pac.

Going forward, there are numerous Sea Festival events from the sand castle building to the sabot racing to the tiki festival to the dragon boats to kite boarding, which is a new event this year. The Press Telegram has agreed to do a special section at the beginning of August featuring all the Sea Festival events.

Mr. Pook said that we have to work on the community to make sure they understand about Sea Festival so they can participate, but that would take time.

He said that the Grand Prix developed into the finest example of a public/private partnership that any city in the country has. He sees the Sea Festival Association, which is a non-profit, as having the same potential. Mr. Pook said that working with staff, particularly Phil Hester, the Director, was a pleasure.

Commissioner Chavarria showed the Sea Festival poster. He said that there are 32 events and a lot of them are free. He stated that he was impressed with all the events and with Commissioner Satariano, who is the President of the Sea Festival Association, and who is doing a great job.

Vice President Saltzgaver asked if the organization was still floating in terms of finances. Mr. Pook responded that they have been very fortunate to have sponsorship from St. Mary Medical Center, the Port of Long Beach, the Department of Energy, and from City Light and Power and that is helping them considerably. Their best goal this year is to break even. He stated that like any business, it would take three to five years to build this business, but they intend to build it solidly.

President Kozaites thanked Mr. Pook for his update.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Kozaites, Chair**

#### **1. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President Kozaites stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the committee assignments and the draft is in the packet.

Commissioner Chavarria mentioned that it was probably a mistake, but he is on four committees. He stated that he also wanted to serve on the new Special Events and Recreation Committee. Commissioner Chavarria also requested that a listing of the time and dates of all the committee meetings be sent to the Commissioners.

President Kozaites responded that Raymond Chavarria should not be on the City Schools/Joint Committee, it should be Brett Waterfield.

Vice President Saltzgaver said they need to discuss the formation of a new committee. It seems that this Commission continues to have more and more to do and it is important to get as much done before the full Commission meeting as they can. There is a strong need with special events citywide, for example last month's Sports Illustrated event, and they need to pay more attention to events and how they dovetail into recreation. It is important to form a new Special Events and Recreation Committee, which gives the Commission seven committees. He said that it would give them the ability to focus on specific issues in these committees and would allow them to get the job done in an efficient way.

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and moved by Commissioner Chavarria to create the Special Events and Recreation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Kozaites selected Commissioner Drew Satariano as chair of the Committee and said that Commissioner Chavarria already volunteered to serve on the Committee. He asked for a third member for the Committee. Mr. Hester stated that the staff members would be someone from recreation, such as Chrissy Marshall, and Dave Ashman. Vice President Saltzgaver volunteered to serve on the Committee.

Vice President Saltzgaver asked that staff come back with the Committee duties and responsibilities.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Satariano, Chair

Commissioner Satariano stated that the budget numbers were included in the packet. He said that we are 75 percent through the fiscal year. The Department will be coming in under budget.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Vacant, Chair

Commissioner Antenore stated that the Committee did not meet and the report was included in the packet.

Commissioner Chavarria stated that he heard that with the budget cuts, the park rangers would be limited to El Dorado Park only.

Mr. Hester responded that the Department's original budget proposal was to pull the park rangers back to work in El Dorado Park only, because of proposed budget reductions for fiscal year 2006. He said that the Department had a

budget hearing with the City Manager, who was concerned about doing that and he asked the Department to come back with a new plan to keep park rangers citywide and still come up with a way to save money while doing that. The Chief Ranger and Diane Lewis have been working very hard to come up with a plan. Mr. Hester said that out of this process, we may lose a couple of park rangers. He said that we have developed a citywide schedule, but it is very thin and we are concerned about officer safety and want to make sure we schedule the park rangers when the parks are busiest.

D. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chavarria, Chair

Commissioner Chavarria stated that there was no Committee meeting and referred the Commissioners to page 5 of the Director's Report.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Vice President Saltzgaver, Chair

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met two weeks ago and went over the final EIR and the land use plan for the Sports Park. He said that the quarterly report was also included in the packet. He stated that on Tuesday night the City Council approved \$2 million in Redevelopment Agency funds to build a new community center at Admiral Kidd Park and to build a new mini-park at Plymouth and Elm Ave. He thanked the North Redevelopment PAC for their efforts in getting this approved.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Antenore, Chair

Commissioner Antenore stated that the Committee did not meet this month.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2005

Commissioner Chavarria stated that on page 8, a new supervisor Zoot Velasco was mentioned.

Ms. Lewis mentioned that Mr. Velasco would be attending the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in August to be introduced to the Commission.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Kozaites stated that there was no correspondence.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING FEES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES**

Mr. Hester stated that a month or so ago, these recommendations were brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval. They were then to be sent to the City Manager's office to be incorporated as part of the budget discussion. He said that the Department received notification from the City Attorney's office that a resolution needed to be passed for the fees. Mr. Hester stated that this document that is before the Commission has been approved previously and we are requesting that this be handled as a resolution.

Ms. Donna Gwin stated that the government code requires that all fee increases be approved by Resolution or Ordinance, so this is just clearing it up.

**It was moved by Commissioner Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Antenore to adopt a resolution for fees and charges relating to adult sports, athletic permits, community center facilities, and El Dorado East vehicle entry fees, effective August 1, 2005. In addition, adopted as resolution for fees and charges relating to the Adaptive ARISE program, Blair Field, contract classes, day camps, El Dorado East Regional picnic and camping, Nature Center tours and classes, filming location fees, and community pool lessons and rentals, effective October 1, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Kozaites took a roll call for the resolution: Commissioner Chavarria – Aye, Commissioner Satariano – Aye, Commissioner George – Aye, Commissioner Antenore – Aye, Vice President Saltzgaver – Aye, and President Kozaites – Aye. Commissioner Waterfield was absent.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CHANGES TO THE FEE WAIVER POLICY**

Mr. Hester stated that this is an item that staff has been working on for some time with Commissioner Satariano. This would become effective October 1, 2005, and clarifies how the Department handles fee waivers.



**It was moved by Commissioner Chavarria and seconded by Commissioner George to adopt the changes to the Parks and Recreation Commission Fee Waiver Policy effective October 1, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. LONG BEACH SPORTS PARK AND YOUTH GOLF LEARNING CENTER

Mr. Hester stated that Mr. Dennis Eschen would give the history and the location of the project and then Ms. Amy Bodek would lead the staff presentation and answer any questions.

Mr. Eschen stated that what is before the Commission are two of the more important responsibilities and duties under the City Charter, which are to recommend the acquisition of land for recreational purposes and to advise on the improvement of parks and public recreational land. We will be presenting the EIR as background information and to keep the Commission up to date on that process. He mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Commission has already taken action and made recommendations to the Planning Commission on the EIR.

Mr. Eschen said that the first of the two actions before the Commission is the acquisition of property for recreational purposes: which is a dedication of City property for recreational purposes, an acquisition of property, and an exchange of property. He said that the property is located on Spring Street between Orange and California Avenues, north of the Municipal Cemetery, which is in the western half of the city that is an underserved area based upon the analysis for both the Open Space and Recreation Element and for the Department's Strategic Plan. The Citywide Strategic Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Element recommend that the acquisition of parkland occur in the underserved area, and this satisfies the goals of both of those documents. Both of those documents also recommend that the City look at under-use of City property for recreational purposes. Most of the land is City-owned land that primarily has been used for disposal of excess soil from Water Department underground pipeline construction and qualifies for the conversion of an under-used City-owned property into an important park open space.

Mr. Eschen stated that the second part of the responsibility is on the recreational improvements to the site. This is probably the most critical and controversial issue, which is the proper recreational use for the site. The Department is recommending the sports complex; however, both the Open Space and Recreation Element and the Strategic Plan point out the need for passive open space as well. However, as is detailed in the Department Strategic Plan, there is a great need for active recreational open space, such as sports fields, game courts, and other facilities. The Open Space and Recreation Element specifically recommends the concentration of sports fields and an intensively managed sports facility. There is no other viable location that has been pointed out where an intensive sports facility can be located

within the city. In that case, we feel that the proposed sports field use of this site is the appropriate recreational use of the site. We also point out the importance of providing after school youth activities, such as is recommended by the golf learning center, and also by concentrating adult sports off of community parks into one central location. He stated that we believe that the active recreation satisfies all the policy goals of the City better than any other recreational use of the site.

Mr. Eschen stated that in terms of the Sports Park itself, it has a long history beginning in 1984, when the need was first identified and a recommended location was identified next to the Nature Center in El Dorado Park, next to the tree farm. Later, that was eliminated from recommendation because of possible impacts on the Nature Center with noise and light. A citywide task force was created to select another location. That task force considered ten different citywide sites and recommended a location in El Dorado Regional Park in Area III in the northwest corner. This was an area that had never been fully developed as part of the park. After several years of review, that site was also abandoned because of environmental impacts and a community opposition. Finally, this site has been selected and has been studied extensively.

Ms. Amy Bodek introduced herself as Manager of the Project Development Bureau in the Community Development Department, and stated that she is here to talk about the project which the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has been charged with. Ms. Bodek introduced Mona Deleon, from LSA Associations, as well as Larry Ryan, with RJM Associations, which is a landscape architect firm. She also introduced Dr. Mearns, the toxicologist, and Nichole Debouis, with LSA Associates, the EIR consulting firm. She introduced a team from the Planning and Building Department: with the new Director of Planning and Building, Suzanne Frick; with Angela Reynolds, the Environmental Officer; and Jeff Winklepleck, the Project Planner for the project from the Planning Bureau side. Ms. Bodek also introduced Ray Pok, representing the City Council District that the project is in.

Ms. Bodek stated that the property is geographically in the heart of the city and is easily accessible from all areas of the city. She said that the property is bounded on the north by Spring Street, on the east by Orange Avenue, on the west by California Avenue, and to the south by the City Municipal Cemetery and the privately owned Sunnyside Cemetery. The site itself is about a 56-acre site. The majority of the site is City-owned. She stated that Mr. Eschen talked about the history of the project, which really did start in 1984. She said that she is going to talk about the history of the project as it relates to this site only. In 1996, the City Council directed staff to no longer look at El Dorado Park as a potential site for the Sports Park, but to actually look at this site. She said that they did undertake a feasibility study to determine if it was going to be feasible and then they started the preparation of an EIR. That EIR never came to fruition because it was deemed as inadequate. They had to restart the entire EIR process over again in 2002, with the firm LSA Associates. A good portion

of 2002 and 2003 was spent investigating this site to determine whether or not we could actually build this facility on this site. We then released the draft EIR for public comment in December of 2004. It circulated for 60 days, which is longer than the statutory requirement of 45 days. The public comment period closed in February of 2005. We are working through that process and today is really a milestone event in the overall approval of the process, because we will be starting the public hearing process with the Planning Commission next month. So, the Parks and Recreation Commission's action today is the first step in a several month process of getting this project before the City Council.

Ms. Bodek stated that she wanted to point out a couple of key objectives in developing this site in particular, as it relates to this project. The first objective of the project was to develop a substantial, operationally self-sufficient sports park to meet what the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department has documented as the need for adult and youth leagues for opportunities. In addition, we are using this opportunity to redevelop a blighted site that has multiple development constraints, with a use that is economically viable and very attractive and meets the needs of the community.

Ms. Bodek stated that this is a pay-for-play project. That means that if you participate in a league, you would pay a fee through that league to participate and play specifically at this facility. She stated that Larry Ryan would go into greater detail on the amenities. Ms. Bodek stated that she was going to talk about some of the challenges of why this site is actually very well suited for this park project. There are many development constraints related to this site that has actually rendered it substantially useless for traditional development. These site constraints include obsolete uses, such as a defunct gas processing plant, an earthquake fault that runs through the middle of the site, and active oil exploration activities that must continue on the site. We have fee ownership issues and requirements to allow access to those oil operations. There are also third party underground pipelines and a requirement by the county to retain a substantial amount of water in flood conditions, as part of a county-wide storm drain system. She showed a picture of an existing gas processing plant at the corner of Spring St. and Orange Ave. She stated that this property is not yet owned by the City. Of the 56-acre site, the City does not own 8 acres. She showed a picture of an existing tank farm not controlled by the City. This has been the site of illegal dumping and debris because it is an unsecured site and has not been redeveloped. She showed a picture of the existing detention basin, which is owned by the County of Los Angeles, and this function must remain on the site, although it would be in a different format.

Ms. Bodek stated that she would like to talk about the project benefits. The City owns 48 of the 56 acres, so there is a substantial investment in the site already. We will create over 50 acres of new parkland in the city. It will convert a site that is considered a Brownfields site to an active sports facility. There are other uses that were attempted to be developed on this site but because of the development constraints, can not be developed. So this is a benefit for using

this site as an open space resource. This site is centrally located to all parts of Long Beach. It frees up local park fields for use by kids and gives a place for adults to play. We think that this facility will also attract some special events that will give this facility a reputation in the region.

Mr. Larry Ryan said that it is his pleasure to be here today because it has been a long evolution for this project. They have looked at a number of alternatives and would show the culmination of that planning effort. He presented a plan to preserve 15 operating oil wells with their access maintained. He said that he would walk through the master plan area by area. He said that this site would have a controlled access, much like an amusement park, and have one access point. He showed this area on the map.

Vice President Saltzgaver asked for the square footage of the skate park. Mr. Ryan responded that it would be approximately 23,000 square feet.

Mr. Eschen stated that for scale on the skate park, the Houghton Skate Park is about 15,000 square feet, so this would be a good deal larger than the Houghton Skate Park.

Mr. Ryan described that the field layout orients around a central concession building, which is elevated. He showed the western quadrant with tot lot areas, volleyball courts, and two large arena enclosures or covered areas that could be used for a variety of recreational amenities. Mr. Ryan then showed the lower elevation and the well heads, support areas, and access for the wells. He showed the outfall for a large storm drain facility, where the soccer field area is located and where the water would be retained during a heavy storm flow. He then showed the area for the golf training facility with the administration building and indoor training facility.

Ms. Mona Maguire Deleon introduced herself as a certified planner with LSA Associates, and stated that they were responsible for preparing the Environmental Impact Report for this project. She stated that they are in the process of preparing the final EIR document that would go before the Planning Commission. She said that she would show the presentation that they would be showing to the Planning Commission. Ms. Deleon stated that the EIR was prepared under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and it addresses all the topics. She mentioned that there was a concern about wetlands. The County of Los Angeles has a detention basin on the project site, but it has not been very well maintained and so the flow of water has been impeded. There is standing water and wetlands were created due to that lack of maintenance. The wetlands were evaluated. Because the project involves quite a bit of grading in order to accommodate all the facilities that Mr. Ryan described, the wetlands would not be maintained in the future condition of the site. That is an impact. They would work with the biologist and look at the possibility for mitigation. Since there wasn't a good opportunity to mitigate on-site, they looked at opportunities off site and worked closely with Mr. Dennis

Eschen and identified an off-site location along the San Gabriel River where we can create wetlands that is part of a larger conservation area.

Ms. Deleon stated that another biological impact that they looked at was an impact to a special species of concern. When we had our ornithologist on site evaluating wild life in general, and especially the birds, they did find a pair of nesting Loggerhead Shrike. They are not an endangered species, but they are identified as a species of concern. In the coastal region of Southern California their population is declining. In the inland areas they are still thriving. This is another impact, since they are grading the site. They went back to the biologist, and they recommended creating an area where these birds could possibly nest. They pointed out that because the cemetery is located adjacent to the site and there are mature trees there, the trees provide an environment where the birds can do foraging. The Shrike is a butcher bird; they find their prey and often times impale them on a fence and go back to them later. The cemetery is not providing the kinds of shrubs that these birds would use for nesting. They worked with Larry Ryan and created an area in the very southern boundary of the site where they would do a natural planting of shrubs to create that opportunity. We can't guarantee that the Shrike would actually stay on the site. In that case, they are saying that the impact still is significant even after mitigation. Those impacts that would stay significant even after mitigation would be a special concern of the Planning Commission when they are reviewing the EIR and making their decision.

Ms. Deleon stated that they also had to look at the cultural resources and looked at the historical resources. The compressor building that was talked about earlier is actually a historic building. There is another historic building just off the site, an office building at 2901 Orange Ave., and it is used by Signal Hill Petroleum as their office building. Since the compressor building would be demolished, that is a significant effect on a historic resource. It is considered historic because it is contributing to our understanding of the development of oil fields in Southern California and that particular segment of our history. Since the compressor building will be demolished, there will be mitigation. They will be going through and photographing the building and using an archival system, the plans will be researched and preserved and a record of the building will be preserved. There is mitigation that will be performed so that the information will not be lost. But the building will be demolished, so that is considered a significant impact.

Ms. Deleon stated that they are charged with looking at public services and utilities. In Los Angeles County there is a strong demand for future landfill space. The County is looking for space outside of the county to provide for long-term need and demand. This project will be contributing to the solid waste demand. The plans are moving forward, but those other landfills that are targeted for the future have not yet gone through their permitting process, so they are not officially available. There is a cumulative consideration for landfill space. This is considered a significant effect.

Ms. Deleon said that as far as the air quality, they would look at two things. First, there are the construction impacts. They will be moving about 600 cubic yards of dirt, which is quite a bit of grading activity. The movement of the earth itself creates fugitive dust and particulate matter, and having the construction equipment on the site will create its own emissions and can contribute to violations of the NOx thresholds. Watering can be done to control the dust, but that are not enough to bring those impacts below thresholds of significance, for short term construction.

Ms. Deleon stated that there would also be some long-term impacts to air quality, and those are primarily as a result of vehicular traffic, issues from the vehicles that would be coming to and from the park, particularly on the weekends. A good study of the traffic impacts and a good identification of mitigation measures would reduce those impacts. In some cases, it is a new signal at the entranceway to the proposed Sports Park, a change in the signal timing, restriping of lanes, all of these measures have been identified to address the traffic impacts. In this case, the City of Long Beach is actually working with two partner agencies: the surrounding streets are in the City of Signal Hill, and the 405 Freeway ramps are within the jurisdiction of CalTrans. The City's intent and plan and all the efforts have been very cooperative with those agencies to make sure that the mitigation can be implemented. Since those mitigation measures are not all within the control of the City, it involves actions with other agencies as well, the EIR concludes that it is possible the City won't be able to complete all those mitigation measures and therefore, it is possible that the impacts could be significant. The intent is to mitigate and cooperate with those agencies.

Ms. Deleon stated that the draft EIR has been prepared and now we are completing the record for the Planning Commission's consideration, beginning next month. She also wanted to address the human health risk assessment that was prepared for the project. The site has a history of a lot of different uses, and many people would characterize it as blighted. The City wanted to make sure that it did a very complete and thorough investigation of the site and prepared a human health risk assessment to determine if there would be any risk to the end users of the Sports Park. As part of that effort, there was an extensive soil investigation, over 300 samples were collected and analyzed. They were collected under the provisions of the sampling and analysis plan that was approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). They were analyzed both by a contract lab that our team used as well as a split sample quality control checked by a USEPA contract lab. All of the items identified were assessed in the health risk assessment. The health risk assessment was prepared and it is currently being reviewed by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Office of Environmental Health Hazardous Assessment. There are some mitigation measures identified in the EIR, for example the preparation of a soil management plan, as part of all the earth movement. We do expect that there would be petroleum-impacted soils, which would be addressed through a soils management plan. If we were to tell

you where the methane emissions may or may not be on the site, it wouldn't necessarily tell you where the methane emissions would be after all the grading activity. The EIR requires that there is methane monitoring during and after the rough grading so that we can identify if there are any methane emissions on the site, given its geologic history as an oil property.

Ms. Deleon stated that after all the soil testing, analysis, and health risk assessment that was applied, it was determined that the constituents that are present in the soil are, at present, at levels that are below thresholds that pose a risk to human health. The site, overall, is not presenting a risk to human health. Since there is not a risk to human health, it is not necessary to do remediation. There is no need to export soil to a landfill or anything like that.

Ms. Bodek stated that she wanted to talk about the concurrent activities that they would have to go through, which may or may not be within the Commission's purview, but is very important to understanding the project as a whole. That is one of the reasons why the information was presented to the Commission on the EIR, though the Commission doesn't technically have a responsibility to approve or certify the EIR, it is important to understand all the components of the project. There is third-party assembly that needs to occur. We don't own all the sites and there is one additional parcel that we must acquire. We are currently in negotiations for that acquisition and have the money already in the bank for that acquisition, from a 1992 park bond through the County. We also need to move forward with the general plan and some rezoning issues. Those will be the purview of the Planning Commission and the City Council. We need to determine the operational efficiencies of the project. Who is going to operate the project? Is it going to be a private operator or a City operator or a joint partnership? The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department clearly had successful experience with private concessionaires, such as American Golf, so we are exploring those relationships. But, at this point in time, a decision has not been made as to whether or not a private operator would operate it or the City would operate it. Those are issues that will be discussed later. Our focus right now is really on the project itself overall and getting that project through the approval process. Lastly, is financing. This is a very expensive project. We do have a lot of fingers in the pie and we are chipping away at how best to finance this project. We certainly would not be presenting this project to you today if we didn't think that it was feasible.

Ms. Bodek showed the corner property, which is privately owned property. This is where the gas processing plant is located and also where the historic office building at 2901 Orange is located. We are already in negotiations for the acquisition of that property. She showed a parcel of the site that would not be needed for the project and stated what we are considering doing is a land-swap or a trade for the unneeded parcel. That would help tremendously with the amount of money that would be needed to acquire the property. This could be put to a commercial use and would be owned privately and would not be part of the park project. The Planning Commission would be having a study session

next month on this project and what they will be asked to do, possibly in October, is to consider rezoning and general plan amendment and other entitlements for the project. We are proposing to rezone the property in this manner until we finalize the acquisition of the private property. We cannot go in today and rezone the private property, since it is not within our control. It is very important for us to set the stage on getting the main portion of the property zoned as park use and then chipping away and coming back in the future months and rezoning the rest of the property as end zoning designation, once we finish the acquisition of the site. This project is expensive, but we do have methodology in place and we believe that we are chipping away at this total cost. It is going to be a substantial grading and soil management effort. We have to do some modifications to the existing oil fields. Mr. Ryan mentioned that there would be 15 to 17 active oil wells on the site. We have to do some abandonment of existing wells, relocation of oil pipelines, and other oil field modifications. Then we have to do construction of the park improvements. There are going to be substantial street improvements that are going to be required as part of the EIR, as well as part of the project. We will also have to do completion of the site assembly.

Ms. Bodek stated that we already have money for the completion of the site assembly. We are very aggressively pursuing federal legislative funds for the street improvements, as well as the construction of the park improvements. The City's Department of Oil Properties has started a reserve fund, because they receive revenues from the oil operations off this site. They have started a reserve fund to help pay for these oil field modifications. That leaves us with finding some money for the soil management and the grading activities. When you look at this \$30 to \$40 million project it does certainly look substantial, but we believe that we have the ability to chip away at those costs and really put together a financing plan for the City Council's ultimate approval that will show how this project can proceed.

Ms. Bodek stated that the next steps in the approval process would be the Planning Commission hosting a public study session on August 18. We will then be having a scheduled public hearing with the Planning Commission, tentatively set for October 6. We will then follow up with a City Council public hearing either in November or December this year. The goal would be to get through this approval process by the end of this year, so that we can do the project implementation in 2006 and 2007. This concludes the public presentation from staff and from the consultant team and they are available for questions and comments.

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Chavarria to approve the staff recommendations individually for specific action, the first part being the land acquisition and the second part being the land use.**



President Kozaites asked if there was anyone from the audience who wished to speak on this item. There were four.

Ms. Carol McCafferty said that she was with the Wilmore City District and, about 20 years ago, she indulged herself in buying a Wilmore District house. Before that she had lived in Lakewood Village. She really liked her neighborhood but she wasn't territorial. She has become territorial since she moved to the western half of the city, or the part of the city that is west of Redondo. One of these issues is the fact that the east side has the parks and the west side has the kids. On the whole, the west side houses don't have backyards and so park space is highly appreciated in our neighborhoods. We have been aware of that problem before we moved there. The population will be growing. All this time we didn't know that the City had 50 acres that was available for parks. It turned out that El Dorado Park Estates did not want the project over there, so the project came west. We were never asked. We have a really strong network of neighborhood associations and on most issues, Dennis Eschen and staff are really good about communication.

Commissioner Antenore stated that wasn't true. We had a lot of public meetings about this project.

Ms. McCafferty responded that she hadn't heard about a single one of them and she hasn't found activists on that side of town who know what it is about. I don't think that fancy baseball is needed on the western part of town; I think it is an eastern sport. People on my side of town, on the whole, don't play golf. I am not sure that they want to pay to come into a facility, pay to eat there, and pay to play. They are kind of low income. The softball diamond was recently removed from Drake Park, which facilitates the soccer field that is there and is in pretty steady use. No one has complained. Recently, I found out that this area is a lot more historically significant than people are saying. The marshland that is there has been known as the city water lands since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. People are finding references to the Jergen's Trust Oil lease on the city water lands and that the general area there was the source of the first water for the city. We believe the Indians utilized the stream that went through there. So it is really important. The wetlands have been there forever. There is wildlife there. I didn't know about the bird that was mentioned today. If Exxon hill is flattened out to provide parking, you are going to take out the tree where the Red Tail Hawks go to nest, and I think that Red Tail Hawks are kind of important. The area expresses a great deal of the oil history of this city. I think we are trying to forget that we were built on oil because it is not a pretty business. But, that is where Long Beach had its biggest boom and biggest investments and making things better, it came from oil profits. If this project is not good for El Dorado Park Estates, it is probably not good for Wilmore City.

Dr. Lionel Gatley stated that he drove the area this morning and it is the most desolate and god-forsaken place that has ever been known. Several of the businesses are gone from the site. In the late '70s his son played baseball at El

Dorado Park but, with the increase in population, those facilities are now being used to a great extent. We have church leagues, we also have the expanded population of Long Beach and we simply need more land available. I noticed that in the report it would free up several fields that now have joint use for the youth and adults and I think this project is entirely feasible in that it will be used for recreational purposes. I do have one concern concerning the golf facility. There is a private golf driving range just south of the Willow and Orange, and I don't know if a golf range in this particular facility would be feasible so close to another private driving range. I think that project is entirely feasible. I drove by the gas facility plant and it is abandoned, there is graffiti everywhere with broken windows. If the City owns the property on the Martin Luther King side, I would suggest that they take a bulldozer to those buildings and knock them down right now. As far as the historical value goes, it is very important. However, the trees on the plan should be plenty for the birds.

Bry Myown stated that she walked the area recently. She said that she has extremely poor vision and stopped counting at 20 different species of birds. There were places that she could not hear traffic. She had no idea and she is sure the people who live nearby had no idea that there were 60 acres from which they were fenced off that has been treated as a dump that could have been a park. As you have heard this morning, this is an idea that has been planned for more than 20 years. It was planned for another place that the community rejected. It is true that this idea has been taken out and spoken about in meetings that we are going to drop this project on your community and what do you think. This community has never had an opportunity to plan what it would like this space to be if it were able to choose a park that it did not have to pay to get in. For one of the most underserved parts of the city, to plan a park where they have to pay or where other people would use it does it a great disservice. What would be lost in this plan is exactly what is called lighting constraints on what I think are some of the most meaningful parts of this property. If children on this side of town had a park they could come to, where they could get nature education and where they could get classes, what they would learn here is about values going back to the ranchero and the Tonga period, about water use in the American colony, about the oil and gas and utility history of this city, about what has made this city grow, and most importantly, about bio-remediation hands-on ecology lessons that our oil, gas, water, recreation, and environmental services departments could give them. This is a tremendous active education opportunity and is also an active recreation opportunity. It feels like more than 60 acres because the topography lets you go up and down. You can hike, you can bicycle, you can skate, and you can see almost 360°. I strongly urge you to acquire the property and dedicate it as a park and to please allow the community to rethink its use, because once it is graded, you will have lost the most valuable resource, which is the topography.

Ray Pok stated that he was from the 7<sup>th</sup> District Council office. He wanted to echo what Commissioner Saltzgaver said stated, that Phil Hester has done a tremendous job with this site. The Council Office has made this project our

priority. He stated that this has been a long process and we would like the project to go to the next level. He also stated that public participation is important. As far as the park use, as Dennis Eschen has stated, most of the open space and strategic plan goals of the Recreation Department is covered by this. We identified the need for a self-sustainable program in the recreation area for an adult facility. This is very much needed because the resident per acreage ratio on the west side is so disproportionate, the Parks Department really cannot keep up with the amount of use. We just returned several parks and you have to take them out of commission and there is some concern about the size of this complex. If you really look at it, it is six fields. We aren't going to have six fields on the West side and often times you have to take a field entirely out of commission just to get it playable for the next season. The plan also calls for increasing the ratio on the west and north sides of town and that is really the population that is going to benefit the most by freeing up the limited parks that we have on that side. It would get the adults off of those fields and get the kids playing where they belong, for free or with a park permit. Additionally, I think one of the most important things is the public participation in the approval process. It is certainly a significant site. Unfortunately, some people refer to it as the Signal Hill site, but it is in the 7<sup>th</sup> District. We had a number of meetings, the scoping meeting was held at Veterans Park in the Wrigley area. That meeting was attended by several people, Don May, Ann Cantrell, as well as representatives of the Tongva Indian tribe. Additionally, the Council office has made an effort to communicate the progress of the project. We recently had Commissioner Saltzgaver on LBTv, which should be airing as it goes to the Planning Commission. For the most part, our frustration has been in the length. Staff has done a very good job extending the circulation more than was required. Also, the question at the previous committee meeting as to why has it been taking so long. That is mostly due to responses to the comments. I just wanted to reiterate the Council member's support. I walked the site with Don May, who has a lot of environmental and resource issues that I think we need to take to the next step. A recreational facility like this is very much needed in the city. We would benefit tremendously on the West side and would like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission allow the Planning Commission to take this to the next step.

Bob Lamond stated that perhaps the gasoline building has some historical significance; he was not familiar with it. The compressor plant is a series of ancient Clark compressors, most of which would be good scrap metal, and one of them might find a place for historic observation. But, the rest of it could be taken out.

Kirsten Autry stated that this is the first time she has seen this and she was not comfortable with having a pay-for-play facility. I think it is a shame. Perhaps if there is already a golf facility located off-site, there should be a major part of it that is free to the public and then pay for the baseball fields.

Commissioner Antenore stated that the bond act of 1992 was for about \$6 million and was designated for the Sports Complex, but was used for Chavez Park instead. I don't know that the money is still available. I would like to know about that. Another thing that troubles me, I would like to know just where all this money is recognized as being available for this project now. I don't see it and I'd like to know where it is all coming from. I'd like to know about the time frame. It doesn't seem to me that with all the things that have to be done, all the money accumulated, all the change of the land, and all the work to be done, that it is going to be feasible for another year or two. I have a lot of questions about this. I appreciate your EIR and I think it is a magnificent job. I am still very questioning.

Mr. Eschen responded that he could take the first question, the 1992 bond act. Both the projects, the Cesar E. Chavez Park and the Sports Park were two specifically identified projects that were listed in the bond issue. They were separately funded and there has been no use of the Sports Park funds. The \$6 million has paid for the EIR, so it is now down to about \$4 million.

Commissioner Antenore asked where all the rest of the money would be coming from.

Mr. Hester responded that per the presentation, once we get through the EIR process, a funding plan has to be put together. There are things that are already in place and the City is also working on trying to find additional revenue sources at the federal and state level.

Commissioner Antenore stated that what troubles her is that we have cut services, we have threats of more cuts, we have libraries cut, we have all these things going through the city because of this deficit, and yet, we are being told that there is going to be \$30 million or \$40 million going into this and I know this would be a revenue source, but it is still troubling me that we are looking at something like this rather than just the open space. And I still think that El Dorado Park would have been the place for this sports complex and I think that people involved gave up too easily and you have people who complain about any site you choose. There will always be people who stand up on hind legs and scream and yell and I think that we understand that. But I think that we gave up much too easily on the El Dorado Park and I think that it is still the only place to put this.

Mr. Hester responded that the City Council made the decision to change the site.

Commissioner Antenore stated I know, only because of a few loudmouths. I was at those meetings and I saw the chairs being thrown. That was just one little group of people in this community, not the community.

Commissioner Chavarria thanked staff and Angela Reynolds. He asked if the official name was the Long Beach Sports Park? Mr. Eschen responded that it is only the working name; there is no official name.

Mr. Hester stated that he wanted to clarify that the golf training center is not an adult oriented facility. It is specifically designed for youth programs. It came from a result of a lot of conversations with City Council members. Also, when the Tiger Woods event came to the city, it became quite obvious that there was a need in the inner city for training opportunities for kids. This is a scaled down facility that kids would use. Part of it would be a classroom situation where kids would come in and do their homework and have homework help. It mimics, to a certain extent, the Tiger Woods facility in Anaheim built by the Tiger Woods Foundation, with the same concepts. It is not a full-size driving range; it is geared for youth. Our Junior Golf Program, which is extremely large and is operated out of Heartwell Golf Course, unfortunately has not reached the total diversity of the city and this is an opportunity to put up a facility adjacent to the central part of the city and really would allow us to reach out to that particular youth population.

Mr. Hester stated that if you remember the facility that was being proposed for El Dorado Park was called an adult sports complex. In this particular case, we are not using that terminology because that is not necessarily the concept. The concept is that all the adult sports programs would be relocated to this facility and it would help free up the facilities in the local neighborhoods. The cost for using the facilities is what the adults are already paying for, through their leagues, and they would be transferred to this facility. Depending on how this is operated, the use by youth is still encouraged, such as for special tournaments, training, clinics, etc. It is not going to be strictly an adult facility. Batting cages by themselves would not necessarily be used by adults, they are going to be used by kids. We also added the skate park facility to encourage kids, because there is no skate park in this part of the city. This is an opportunity adjacent to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Council Districts, the west side, and north Long Beach to provide an all-purpose facility to address many issues.

Commissioner Chavarria asked if the City of Signal Hill is involved in this project?

Ms. Bodek responded that Signal Hill borders the site on three sides. The City of Signal Hill is very supportive of this project. They have commented on the EIR. In addition, the City of Long Beach and the City of Signal Hill have something called the joint-powers authority that has focused mostly on Spring Street and Cherry Avenue. They annually receive a presentation on this project and give their support. The City of Signal Hill sees this project as helping their neighborhoods that surround the site increase and be enhanced as well.

Commissioner Satariano stated that he supports the Director's comments and rationale about why we should do it. Also, he was really impressed with all the

staff time and professional time that has gone into the project. He has lived in Long Beach all of his life and as the gentleman commented, it is a god-forsaken piece of ground and I think this is one of the only ways that this piece of ground will be developed. He supports it.

Commissioner George stated that his only comment is the source of funding at this time. This is a well-done job, but mainly it is up to the City Council.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that it is important to realize the stage that we are at in this process. I have heard concerns about the money, complaints about specific portions of the master plan down to where we are going to put bushes. Where I see this project at right now is an overall use plan and the fact that we are going to do something with this land in the first place. I think we can all agree that we should turn this god-forsaken piece of junk land into a park. The question is, what we do with that land. Twenty years of time has past since we began attempting to build this type of a facility. I think there are some serious misconceptions on what this facility will do. As it has been pointed out, the youth will be able to use this facility. You don't have to pay to go into the facility, in some instances. It may well be that the skate park is a free skate park. It should be a free skate park. But the operations of this land have not been determined yet. There was a big brouhaha about Big League Dreams and how great the new fields would be with Ebbits field and all that. Well, that was one potential plan. Right now, what we are trying to decide is whether this should be an active recreation site. We will get to the part about how we are going to deal with that site as the process continues. The comment that there is no place for the kids in this, it is beyond using this very facility for kids, it is also freeing up those neighborhood parks. I live in the 9<sup>th</sup> District, which is up north. I live near Houghton Park. That park, if it is not the highest used per capita in the city, I would be very surprised. Most of those are adults playing soccer. We have given up returfing those fields. They just play all the time. We need to move those adults off those fields to allow the kids to play. Bea, I don't think we need to worry about where the money is going to come from. A lot of the money is already in place. We have projects throughout the city where we are trying to get things started and trying to find money. You talk about cuts in programs. Of course that upsets me. That is something we need to deal with. The money that is going to be spent on this park is not available to be spent on programs. That is the real key here. Once this is built, if the concept falls through, the operation of this park is actually paid for. That is unusual in this day. We build things and then we try to figure out how to operate them. We have a plan here where we are actually going to have a way to pay for this park, once it is built. I see this as 20 years of hard sweat, blood, and tears. We still have two, three, four more years of that work to be done. But this is the first real, let's get it going, this is what we are going to do, step.

President Kozaites thanked staff and all of the consultants for an outstanding job. In 20 years, what you didn't talk about was the amount of money that the City has expended doing this and we could have been well on our way on this

project a long time ago if it weren't for a couple of small, outspoken minorities. This adds a tremendous benefit to the community. In every project, you need to look at the benefit vs. the burden and right now this property is an extreme burden and it represents an extreme benefit to the youth primarily.

Commissioner Antenore stated that through the years, I have never spoken against this property. I have always spoken for El Dorado. But I have never spoken against the EIR or anything that has been accomplished. I have appreciated all the effort, all the work, all the blood, sweat, and tears that have gone into it. This is the first time that I have actually come out with these statements.

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Antenore to amend his motion to take the first three items and hold the fourth item in abeyance for a separate motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to recommend to the City Manager, the Planning Commission, and the City Council that:**

- **The acquisition of the privately owned land at the corner of Spring Street and Orange Avenue is appropriate for a public park and public recreational use;**
- **The dedication of the publicly owned land in the area bounded by Spring Street, the Municipal and Sunnyside Cemeteries, Orange Avenue and California Avenue is appropriate for a public park and public recreational use; and**
- **The sale or exchange of public land in the vicinity of Spring Street and California Avenue in exchange for equal or greater land in the vicinity of Spring Street and Orange Avenue is appropriate for enhancing the functional design of the proposed public park and public recreational use.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by Vice President Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Satariano to recommend to the City Manager, the Planning Commission, and the City Council that:**

- **The approval of the plans for improvement of the subject parkland for the public recreational purposes of a Sports Park and Youth Golf Learning Center as presented.**

**The motion carried with Commissioner Antenore opposed.**

Vice President Saltzgaver recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission have representation at the Planning Commission workshop on August 18.

President Kozaites recommended that someone from the Capital Improvements Committee attend.

### **XIII. COMMENTS**

#### **A. AUDIENCE**

William Marmion stated that it has been a pleasure being on this side of the aisle. He suggested that the Gold Medal video be played on Cable TV.

Carol McCafferty stated that she is the daughter of a former Commissioner. Her mother served on the Recreation Commission back when there was a separate Parks Commission. You might want to investigate the keys to the City that were given to the Commissioners back then. Her mother's key was put on her charm bracelet. She also mentioned the obituary for Bob Van Antwerp, a former Parks and Recreation Director, who was totally devoted to the parks in Long Beach and the people.

Laura Spino stated that she wanted to talk about the Municipal Band. She went to the budget meeting and she feels that sponsorship is a great idea. She thought that having a winter concert gala to raise money for the Municipal Band would be a good idea. Partners of Parks could be involved as the non-profit organization and then the event would be tax deductible.

Vice President Saltzgaver stated that he endorsed her effort. The ranchos and museums have foundations and it might be an idea to form a separate non-profit to support the band.

#### **B. STAFF**

Ms. Diane Lewis distributed flyers for an adobe history event for the family at the Rancho Los Cerritos in August.

#### **C. COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Chavarria stated that the Gold Medal video was excellent. He thanked staff, Tom Shippey, Anna Mendiola, and Dennis Eschen for working on the Burton W. Chase Park issues.

Commissioner Chavarria suggested a letter be sent to the North Long Beach Redevelopment Agency Project Area Committee thanking them for recommending funding to add a parcel to Admiral Kidd Park and to improve the center.

Commissioner Chavarria also thanked Commissioner Satariano for his work on the Sea Festival.



Commissioner Chavarria distributed flyers for the Path Festival event at Recreation Park.

Commissioner Satariano stated that last month they had their second annual inductions to the Baseball and Softball Halls of Fame and thanked Chrissy Marshall, Marc Gutfeld, and their staff for their work on the event. They arranged for a top-notch presentation.

**XIV. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2005, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kozaites adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Black  
Executive Secretary  
to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine